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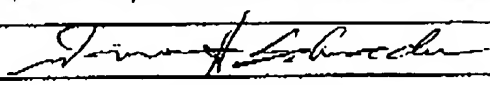
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Application No. 10/667,809

This communication is a response to a second Office Action non-final rejection having a mailing date of 02/16/2006 and setting forth a shortened statutory period for response of three months which would expire on 05/16/2006.

The applicant has studied the examiner's action carefully and has come to the conclusion that the examiner's action should be controverted.

Claims 12 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (e) as being anticipated by Zonca (US 6,637,721).

Claims 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zonca in view of Lalonda (US 4,222, 547).

Claim 16 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zonca in view of Lalonde and further in view of Copeman.

Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Zonca and further in view of Asenbauer.

Claims 18 and 19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fan and further in view of Zonca.

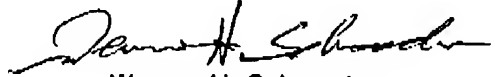
Claims 20 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fan in view of Zonca and further in view of Lalonde.

Applicant hereby traverses the above identified rejections under 37 CFR 1.132 on the ground of antedating the Zonca reference. Zonca may show the claimed invention but does not claim it. The applicant was the first inventor to thereby antedate the reference to Zonca as will be shown by the attached documents. The earliest date of conception by applicant is April 02/1998. The attached documents of 12 pages shows the chronology of events to show true diligence to further the claimed invention to practice, that is, the filing of the application.

If any further detailed dates and activities are required, the applicant can furnish

those detailed documents when requested.

The details would involve, among other things, inquiries to prospective mold manufacturers, their quotes and their dates.



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